

Upper Lonsdale Garden Club Speakers List 2021

Date	Speaker / Topic
<p>March 11, 2021</p>	<p>ZOOM Meeting Karin England: Park Planner with Metro Vancouver. Topic – Grow Green: Practical solutions and tools to create gardens which support regional sustainability initiatives such as reducing water use, providing wildlife habitat, controlling invasive species, increasing biodiversity, promoting the use of compost, improving food security, and facilitating storm water absorption. Website: http://www.growgreenguide.ca/ Karin strives to provide people with engaging, sustainable outdoor spaces that enrich their lives. She holds Master of Teaching and Master of Landscape Architecture degrees, and is an experienced practitioner and educator. In addition to her work on Grow Green as a Park Planner with Metro Vancouver, she is a regular collaborator with the UBC Botanical Garden, and adjunct professor in the UBC School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture.</p>
<p>April 8, 2021</p>	<p>ZOOM Meeting Chris Jennings, President of the Vancouver Shade Garden Society. Topic - Shade Gardening Website: http://www.vancouvershadegardensociety.ca Chris founded the Vancouver Shade Garden Society in 2003 and has been its President for most of the time since then. The Society has focussed on learning all about shade-loving plants and how to grow them well. On their journey, they have learned an enormous amount of interesting information. Chris is always happy to pass on knowledge of shade gardening to other interested clubs, by way of slide presentations and handouts. He gives a broad general presentation on shade gardening, while highlighting many common and unusual shade plants, as well as gives detailed presentations on specific families of shade plant</p>
<p>May 13, 2021</p>	<p>ZOOM Meeting Kristin Crouch : Topic – Vegetable Gardening 101 Email: therivercrest@gmail.com Kristin is passionate about growing & has been teaching sustainable garden classes for the Corporation of Delta for the last four years. She is a 27 year master gardener with the Vancouver Master Gardeners Association & has a diploma in Horticulture from the university of Guelph. She currently writes on her garden blog, That Bloomin' Garden & for several newspapers & magazines. Kristin lives on a ½ acre property in Delta with her husband, Jim. In 2015 they transformed their side garden into a kitchen garden where they were able to grow over 160 lbs of food. For Kristin, it's all about leaning & sharing her expertise.</p>

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September 9, 2021	<p>ZOOM Meeting</p> <p>James Casey – Bringing Birds Into Your Backyard</p> <p>Website: https://birdgardens.ca/</p> <p>Email: jcasey@birdscanada.org</p> <p>After earning a master’s degree in International Environmental Policy at the University of Northern British Columbia, James had the opportunity to work with WWF-Canada on topics ranging from eelgrass and marine planning to hydropower and the Water Sustainability Act. This experience established a base of knowledge he is now applying to the context of the Fraser Estuary Key Biodiversity Area. On behalf of Birds Canada, James is building support for the development of a Fraser River Estuary Management Plan for this KBA.</p> <p>A new resource for those interested in creating bird friendly gardens. It can be found at Home - Bird Gardens - https://birdgardens.ca/</p>
October 14, 2021	<p>ZOOM Meeting</p> <p>Gwen Odermatt - Topic: Great Plant Picks – Choosing the Best Plants for Coastal Gardens</p> <p>Gwen is a life-long gardener who, as a young child, was fascinated with plants and bugs. She became a discerning observer of how plants grow in harmony with other plants, insects and the diversity of the natural world. This led to a degree in science at the University of Alberta.</p> <p>For over 20 years she has operated Petals and Butterflies, a farm nursery that specializes in growing plants that attract butterflies and other beneficial wildlife to gardens. The nursery offers an always interesting collection of rare and unusual ornamental plants that she sells via consignment; for example, her plants can be found in the perennial section of the VanDusen Plant Sale</p> <p>Gwen is on the Selection Committee for Great Plants Picks, teaches the Advanced Master Gardener Right Plant/Right Place course, is a member of the Vancouver Hardy Plant Group, and is a long-time member of the South Surrey Garden Club. Her garden has been open for local, national, and international tours. Gwen is a Langley resident, married to Paul, a mother of three, and a grandmother of five.</p> <p>Email: petalsandbutterflies@shaw.ca</p> <p>Nursery:</p> <p>PETALS & BUTTERFLIES 121 210 Street (off Zero Avenue) Langley We are open by appointment : 604.530.9205 petalsandbutterflies@shaw.ca</p>